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Dear Representative Heise:

Thank you for allowing SB 191, sponsored by Senator Goeff Hansen, to be given a hearing in the House Criminal Justice Committee.

We support this important legislation and applaud Senator Hansen for his continued support. Retail fraud is a costly burden placed on all segments of the retail food industry. The incidents of shoplifting continue to increase despite more sophisticated methods of detection and prevention.

SB 191 would allow for the court to order a person convicted of a retail crime to reimburse the state or local unit of government for expenses related to the incident, including the wage of the law enforcement personnel and the costs associated with collecting and analyzing evidence.

The Michigan Grocers Association views this bill as a way of increasing prosecution of these never ending crimes and encouraging the support of law enforcement officials to pursue what are often considered petty crimes.

We urge you and the members of the committee to support this legislation.

Thank you,

Linda Gobler

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